

Seminar for journalists

**MEDIA NETWORKING AND COMMON UNDERSTANDING OF NATO IN
THE BALKAN REGION**

A WAY FOR BETTER CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING,
SECURITY AND STABILITY

15–19 September 2010
Mercan Hall, Dedeman Princess Hotel, Sofia

PROGRAMME

15 September 2010

Arrival of participants

19:00 Dinner (at the restaurant of the hotel)

16 September 2010

09:00 – 09:30 Registration

09:30 – 09:45 Opening

Matthias Barner

Director, Media Program South East Europe,
Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Sofia

Ognian Zlatev

Managing Director, Media Development Center

09:45 – 11:15 NATO on the Eve of the Lisbon Summit

Prof. Dr. Carlo Masala

Universität der Bundeswehr München,
Former Deputy Director of the Research Department of NATO Defence College

Discussion

11:15 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00 Reappraising NATO's Multiple Roles: Perspective from the Region

Marin Lesenski

Analyst, Open Society Institute, Sofia

Discussion

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch (at the restaurant of the hotel)

14:30 – 15:15 Fundamentals and Experience of a NATO Membership

Lt. Col. Walter Runge

Defence Attache, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, Sofia

Discussion

- 15:45 – 16:00 Coffee break
- 16:00 – 17:30** **Trans-Atlantic Cooperation**
Susan Sutton
 Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of the United States of America,
 Sofia
Discussion
- 19:30 Welcome Dinner (at Hadzhidraganovite Kushti Restaurant, 75
 Kozloduy Str. Meeting point at the reception of the hotel at 7.15 p.m.)

17 September 2010

- 10:00 Meeting point at the reception of the hotel
- 11:00 – 12:30** ***Visit to Ministry of Foreign Affairs***
The Role of NATO as a Factor for the Stability and Security in South East Europe
 Discussion with representatives of Security Policy Directorate
- 12:30 – 14:00 Lunch (at Don Domat Pizza Restaurant, on the corner of 6 Septemvri Str. and Slavyanska Str.)
- 14:00 – 15:30** ***Visit to Ministry of Defence***
 Discussion with *Brigadier-General Stefan Yanev*, Head of the Defence Policy Directorate
- 16:00 – 17:00** ***Visit to G. S. Rakovski National Defence Academy***
The Role of Armed Forces in Combating Terrorism
Col. Associate Professor Ivo Marinov, Head of Joint Operations Department at the Faculty “National Security and Defence”
- Security Policy of Bulgaria as a NATO Member**
Ivaylo Ivanov, Department Assistant “National and International Security”
- Discussion**
- 19:00 Dinner (at the restaurant of the hotel)

18 September 2010

- 08:00 Departure from the hotel
- 13:00 – 15:00** **Visit at Novo Selo Training Facility**
 Lunch en route
- 19:00 Dinner (at the restaurant of the hotel)

19 September 2010

Departure of the participants